

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Non-NET Fellowship
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any measures to offer National Eligibility Test (NET) fellowships to meritorious students of all universities;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has made any decision on its financial position to extend to students of all universities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of students who are currently getting non-NET fellowships from University Grants Commission (UGC) in various Universities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that meritorious students of all Universities are eligible to appear in the National Eligibility Test (NET) examination and avail fellowships on merit. The UGC is offering 6,400 Junior Research Fellowships (JRF) per year through UGC-NET examination and 2,400 fellowships through the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-UGC NET examination.

Further, the Government has appointed a Committee on 28th October, 2015, under the Chairpersonship of Prof. Gautam Barua, former Director, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati with a view to go into the issues related to the research fellowships provided by the UGC, covering both NET fellowships and Non-NET fellowships. The terms of reference of the Committee, inter-alia, are to determine the feasibility of enhancing the coverage of merit based NET fellowship and to bring the benefits and opportunities of the non-NET fellowship scheme to a larger number of Universities including State Universities.

(d): The number of beneficiary students covered under non-NET fellowship of the UGC in respect of Central Universities for M.Phil/Ph.D during the period from 2010 to 2016, are as under :-

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Year Number of Beneficiary Students under Non-NET Fellowship

M.Phil. Ph.D. Total

2009-10 1,658 7,204 8,862

2010-11 1,655 8,065 9,720

2011-12 1,721 7,817 9,538

2012-13 2,958 8,360 11,318

2013-14 3,070 8,358 11,428

2014-15 4,170 9,905 14,075

2015-16 3,953 11,555 15,508

2016-17

(as on

30.09.2016)

3,216 9,791 13,007

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In addition, State Universities under Universities with Potential Excellence (UPE) scheme offer non-NET fellowships to students out of block grants released to them by the UGC.
